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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits in the subject application, please enter the following preliminary amendments.

AMENDMENTS

In the Specification

On page 1, under the title, please insert the following:

--CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a divisional of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/121,446 filed September 14, 1993 which is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 07/911,684, filed July 10, 1992 which claims priority to Japanese Patent Application Number 3-172828 filed July 12, 1991, the disclosures of each of which are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.--

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 4-6 and 13-17.

REMARKS

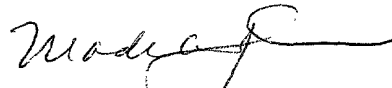
Claims 4-6 and 13-17 have been canceled. Accordingly, claims 1-3, 7-12 and 18-22 are now pending. Applicant respectfully requests entry of this Preliminary Amendment and favorable consideration and allowance of this application is requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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